

PARISH DIARY

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

6.00pm Mass

Thomas Cummings RIP

Sunday 10th March 2019

8.30am Rosary

9.00am Mass

11.00am Mass

People of the Parish
Ivan Ambrose RIP

Monday 11th March 2019 – Feria of Lent

11.00am Funeral Mass

John McCormack RIP

Tuesday 12th March 2019 – Feria of Lent

7.30pm Mass

Con Ryan RIP

Eucharistic Adoration – 10am to 7pm

Wednesday 13th March 2019 – Feria of Lent

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.20am Mass

Elizabeth Sweeney RIP

Eucharistic Adoration – 10.00am to 4pm

10.00am Lent Course – Strength to Strength in St Peter's Hall

Thursday 14th March 2019 – Feria of Lent

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.20am Mass

Friday 15th March 2019 – Feria of Lent

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.20am Mass

Connie Thorn RIP

Eucharistic Adoration – 10am to 5pm

12.00noon Stations of the Cross followed by A Simple Lunch in aid of CAFOD served in St Peter's Hall.

Saturday 16th March 2019 – Feria of Lent

9.00am Morning Prayer

9.20am Mass

10am & 5.00pm Confessions

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

6.00pm Mass

John McCormack RIP

7.00pm St Patricks Day Party in Our Lady's Hall

Sunday 17th March 2019

8.30am Rosary

9.00am Mass

11.00am Mass

People of the Parish
Christie Daniels RIP

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL



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Gospel Reflection - Jesus is tested in the Desert (Luke 4:1-13)



To remind us that Lent is a time of testing, the gospel reading of the First Sunday of Lent is always about the testing of Jesus. Through our fasting (or whatever that extra offering we make to the Lord during Lent may be) we enter into solidarity with the hardship undergone by Jesus in his Passion. Of course Lent is not a matter of testing out how far we can push ourselves (a sort of macho self-torture). Rather it is a period of preparation for the Passion and Resurrection - just like the forty years of Israel in the desert preparing for the Promised Land, or like the prophet Elijah's forty-day preparation before he encounters God on Mount Horeb, or like the forty days during which Christ prepared the apostles between Easter and the Ascension. The point of Jesus' forty-day fast is to give some force in response to the devil's first temptation. To each of the devil's taunts Jesus replies with a word of scripture: if you rely on God's word you are unshakably safe, for God has created and arranged everything. Matthew and Luke have a different order for the second and third temptations: Matthew climaxes with Jesus as the Second Moses, like Moses seeing all the territories from a high mountain. Luke ends the scene as he begins and ends his gospel, at Jerusalem, the turning-point of the gospel - the place where Jesus rises from the dead and ascends to the Father.

We do not live on bread alone. How has the Word of God fed you? In the solitude of the desert Jesus prayed to his Father. Can you find solitude for prayer? What can you do during Lent to come closer to the Lord?

Parish Office (Mon, Wed, Fri 9.30am – 2.30pm)

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Notices



STRENGTH TO STRENGTH: Our six part CaFE lent course is a DVD series is designed to give practical help to those wishing to pray more in their daily lives. The course continues with "Food for thought" this Wednesday at 10am in St Peter's Hall. Tea & coffee provided. All are warmly welcome to join us.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: During lent we will be extending our period of Eucharistic Adoration on a Tuesday from 5pm to 7pm for those who are unable to come to Adoration during the day time. All are warmly welcome to come and spend some special time with our Lord.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place this Friday, 15th March at 12noon.



CAFOD LENTEN LUNCH ON FRIDAY 15th MARCH. A simple lunch of homemade soup, cheese and bread will be served in the parish hall at 12.30pm to mark Lent Fast Day everyone welcome. If you are able to assist with the making of the soup, please speak to either Janet or Karen in the Parish Office.



ST PATRICK'S DAY PARTY – NEXT SATURDAY, 16th MARCH at 7.00pm in Our Lady's Hall. Tickets are now available for this event from the Social Committee.



DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, IRELAND, LED BY FR JOHN CORBYN on 27th May to 31st May 2019. £649.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg

hand luggage, all taxes, luxury transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full Irish Breakfast each morning and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment, excursions and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms at supplement of £100. Application forms are available from Fr John or Karen in the Parish Office. For more information contact Patricia on 01268 762278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.



QUIZ NIGHT: A big thank you to all who attended and participated in the quiz night on 23rd February, a fantastic £450 was raised for the parish youth fund and a fun night was had by all! Special thanks to Esther & Richard Leighton for all their hard work putting the evening together.



MASS INTENTIONS: New Mass Intention envelopes are now available from the porch, please fill in the details and return them to either Fr John or the Presbytery. The backlog of intentions has now cleared so the diary is now open again.



CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world. Drought, floods and storms are having a devastating impact on our global family. Like Mahinur from Bangladesh. She makes a living from fishing but a drought last year killed all the fish, and she's struggling to support her disabled husband and son. On Friday 15 March, can you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help people like Mahinur? Through CAFOD's global Church network - one of the largest aid networks in the world – your support can reach to the ends of the earth. Please collect your Fast Day envelope from church this week and give whatever you can. Envelopes will be collected after all Masses next weekend.



SPONSORED SLEEPOUT; CAN YOU GIVE ONE NIGHT OF YOUR LIFE TO CHANGE NIGHTS FOR OTHERS NEXT WINTER? Since November hundreds of people in Essex and East London have found warmth, food and shelter in church halls and other projects supported by our church.

Could you get sponsors (anything from £10 to £1000 – every penny helps) and sleep outside for one night to help support this work next winter? Sleep out Fri 12th - Sat 13th April, in the grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Full details at www.bcys.net/events.

VISIT OF THE STATUES OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA AND THE CHILDREN - SATURDAY 23RD MARCH 2019- OUR LADY IMMACULATE, CHELMSFORD: A whole day of prayer and

celebration will take place at Our Lady Immaculate church, Chelmsford, on Saturday 23rd March when they welcome the pilgrimage statues from Fatima. The statues arrive at 9am and the celebrations begin with the crowning of the Statue and Mass at 10am and there will be devotions, prayers, DVD's etc. throughout the day.

LENT TALKS 2019 AT OUR LADY IMMACULATE, CHELMSFORD: The Lent talks this year will centre around the subject of prayer. On Wednesday evenings there will be a Holy Hour and confessions

from 6.30pm - 7.30pm with the talk at 7.30pm in the parish hall at Our Lady Immaculate Church, New London Road, Chelmsford.

13th March - "What is prayer?" - Fr Matthew O'Gorman

20th March - "Prayer and Art" - Dr Caroline Farey

27th March - "Prayer and Music" - Fr Stephen Morrison o.praem.

3rd April - "Prayer and Scripture" - Fr John Hemer, MHM

BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN EDUCATION SERVICE (BDES) Catholic Multi Academy Trust (CMAT) Development Officer Fixed Term Contract Salary circa £25,000 depending on experience (2.5 days per week - 17.5 hours per week - Term time – including some home working) Reporting directly to the Diocesan Director of Education. A job description and further details will be available shortly on the Diocesan Website or can be requested by calling 01277 265284.

ST THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX. CB11 3DW. Required for September 2019 Part-time (60%) KS2 class teacher. Closing date 22nd March 2019 Enquiries to admin@stmsw.co.uk